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**Title:** OPTICAL DISPERSION COMPENSATION  
IN THE ELECTRICAL DOMAIN IN AN OPTICAL  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**LISTING OF DISCLOSURE AMENDMENTS**

At page 1 of the specification, please add the new section heading and paragraph 1 of the specification as follows:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 363 of International Patent Application No. PCT/CA2003/001044 filed July 11, 2003. The present application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application No. 10/262,944 (McNicol et al.) entitled "Electrical Domain Compensation of Optical Dispersion in an Optical Communications System" filed on October 3, 2002, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference.